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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN, EA

E. O. 11652: DECLAS 1977

TAGS: APER RP

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL: HOME LEAVE AND TRANSFER SCHEDULING MANILA

1. I APOLOGIZE FOR DRAWING HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION TO WHAT
OUGHT TO BE AN EASILY MANAGEABLE PERSONNEL MATTER BUT IT
IS NECESSARY.

2. THE SERIES OF CONCURRENT ASSIGNMENTS AT MID AND SENIOR
LEVELS OF THIS EMBASSY IN MID-1971 PORTENDS A SERIOUS LOG-
JAM IN TIMING OF HOME LEAVE FOR SAME OFFICERS THIS YEAR.
A PROBLEM FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED BECOMES THE MORE GRIEVOUS
HERE BECAUSE OF ACADEMIC CALENDAR WHICH, THIS YEAR, FINDS
SCHOOL VACATION IN PHILIPPINES EXTENDING FROM MAY 12
THROUGH AUGUST 5. THE LOOMING DIFFICULTIES FOR POST
OPERATION ARE INTENSIFIED NOW BECAUSE OF MY OWN PROS-
PECTIVE DEPARTURE AND THE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS OR
TALKS PRELIMINARY TO NEGOTIATION ON MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. SENIOR STAFF AND I ARE CONFIDENT THAT LEGITIMATE MINIMUM
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS CAN BE MET, WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE RE-
QUIREMENTS AND INTERESTS OF A NEW AMBASSADOR, IF WE CAN
SIMPLY HAVE IMMEDIATE TOP LEVEL AGREEMENT TO FLEXIBLE
APPLICATION OF EXCEPTIONS TO HOME LEAVE ELIGIBILITY RE-
QUIREMENTS FOR KEY PERSONNEL. IF WE CANNOT HAVE THIS,
SERIOUS INEQUITIES AND PERSONAL/ FAMILY DISLOCATIONS WILL
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OCCUR.

4. THESE NEEDS WERE SET OUT IN WHAT WE BELIEVED A TIMELY FASHION IN OM DATED DEC. 14 TO CA/ FS/ EA, ON WHICH A RECENT FOLLOW- UP MESSAGE HAS EVOKED THE SECOND OF TWO NEGATIVE RESPONSES (RE ANGEVINE - STATE 44016 AND RE PALMER - STATE 52307).

5. THE NEEDED ADVANCE IN HOME LEAVE DATES WILL IN ALMOST ALL CASES BE LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. I CAN DETAIL THE KIND OF SCHEDULE WE ENVISAGE IF REQUIRED BUT HOPE MISSION CAN HAVE SOME LATITUDE. IT MAY SUFFICE IF I SIMPLY RECALL THAT POL, ECON AND ADMIN COUNSELORS AND DCM ALL ARRIVED WITHIN SPACE OF ONE MONTH AND IF I NOTE THE PROBLEM OF A POLITICAL SECTION TOTALING FOUR FSO S IN WHICH TWO REQUIRE HOME LEAVE, ONE MUST DEPART POST BY AUGUST 1 (HULEN - AND THIS WILL ITSELF REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF CURRENT DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES) AND THE FOURTH IS A FINE YOUNG BUT INEXPERIENCED O-6 DIVERTED FROM CONSULAR WORK TO STAND IN FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION TO VIETNAM TDY PROGRAM.

6. REQUEST FAVORABLE REPLY BY CABLE TO OUTSTANDING REQUESTS PER CITED OM TO ADVANCE HOME LEAVE ELIGIBILITY.
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